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**VALLEJO DELEGATION HAS MEETINGS SCHEDULED WITH TOP
WASHINGTON OFFICIALS DURING LOBBYING TRIP**

VALLEJO – A delegation from the City of Vallejo heading back to Washington, D.C. on a lobbying trip will meet with top Navy and elected officials during their five-day visit.

Vallejo Mayor Tony Intintoli, Jr., City Manager David Martinez, Community Development Director Craig Whittom and officials from Lennar Mare Island and Weston Solutions have meetings scheduled for all three days of their visit, with Sunday and Thursday currently scheduled as travel days.

Monday's meetings include a trip to the Pentagon for a meeting with Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Installation and Environment Wayne Army. That's followed by an afternoon meeting in the offices of Congressman George Miller.

Tuesday's busy agenda includes meetings with Congressman Mike Thompson, United States Senator Barbara Boxer and United States Senator Dianne Feinstein.

On Wednesday the group will meet with Rear Admiral Michael K. Loose, Commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command. A meeting is also being planned with Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher. Tauscher, who represents the 10th Congressional District, which includes Fairfield and other parts of Solano County, sits on the House Armed Services Committee.

"I spoke with Congresswoman Tauscher on Wednesday evening at the STA Awards dinner and she was very, very interested in helping us with Mare Island issues," Intintoli said of his meeting with Tauscher. "That's the kind of help and support we're going to need in order to move along the reuse of Mare Island."

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City officials will be requesting that the portion of Mare Island known as Area 1 and a section of the island known as Reuse Area 10 have separate Environmental Services Cooperative Agreements – or ESCAs. Having a single agreement for both areas – which are at opposite ends of the island – would slow down development of almost 130 acres of Area 1.

“Any delays would certainly hamper the progress and slow down the momentum we’ve already built up on Mare Island,” Martinez said. “We want to keep things moving forward so that we can generate more jobs and revenues for our City.”

Along with Mare Island issues, the City delegation also plans to lobby for grant moneys for various downtown improvements in an effort to support the Triad Communities, Inc. development project. Officials will also speak on behalf of Travis Air Force Base.

Past lobbying efforts helped the city secure some \$800,000 in Transportation for Livable Communities funding that is being used on the Georgia Street reopening project.

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